

My Dear Lord Grenville.

Since my arrival in Town for the purpose of giving the last testimony in my Power of that sincere and ardent regard and Affection which thro' Life I have borne to Mr. Fox, both as a Public Man, and as a Private Friend, ^{a Death} ~~It~~ has been intimated to me that my attendance at the Funeral ^{might not appear to} ~~had not appeared to~~ His Majesty in the same unexceptionable Light in point of propriety with reference to my Station in the Country, as it certainly did to me, when in the moment of Affliction and Regret I adopted the Idea. I adopted it ^{also} in consequence of the most affecting Applications from his Family; to whom, conceiving no impediment at the time, I gave my Promise to attend. However gratifying the Performance of the melancholy Duty I had prescribed to myself,

would be to my Feelings, I am sensible that
I ought not to give way to them, if in
His Majesty's contemplation there exists a
real objection to my doing so. I am
anxious only for a more ^{certainly} explicit estimation
of His Majesty's Wishes, or Opinion on this
subject, to which, as on every other occasion
where I am honoured with a clear opportunity
of knowing His Pleasure, it will be my
Duty to Conform. I Confess, my Dear
Lord, that in the present instance, I may
have been led ~~to~~ ^{to imagine} more confidently to hope
that any attention on the Part of the
Kings' Family to the Remains of His Deceased
Minister, & Servant, might have proved
the more acceptable by the reflexion
that the Object of That Minister's unceasing
and most anxious interest to his Dying hour,
was the Recovery of the Hereditary Dominions
of My Father & Sovereign, unfortunately
left an unprotected Prey to Foreign
Ambition, & Perfidy, thro' the indecision,

After that public debate on the funeral of Lord Howard

tardiness of Ministers at home. This Consideration
 I own is very near to my heart, and embraces
 the high respect I have for the Political
 Virtues of my Lamented Friend. Perhaps
 it may not be improper here to mention,
 that at the Funeral of Sir William Sawcett
 I, and all my Brothers (The Duke of Sussex
 excepted, who was then not in England)
 attended, and The Duke of York, & myself
 walking as Chief Mourners, I am not
 aware that our Conduct on that occasion
 was considered as objectionable, and I am
 I am that the motives on my Part were
 to shew respect to an Officer so long,
 & so highly esteemed by His Majesty,
 But for whom, tho' my regard & friendship
 for him was most sincere, I cannot be
 supposed to have felt in any respect the
 same degree of Affection & Attachment
 which so long filled my mind for Mr Fox.
 Still however no Wishes of mine on this
 melancholy circumstance shall for a moment
 stand in the way of His Majesty's better
 Judgement

After that public notice in regard to the funeral of Sir W. Sawcett
 by chance for the funeral of Mr. Fox and he was dignifiedly refused to
 sign the list to be open of ministers concerned.

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If, on submitting the Letter I have said to his
Consideration, the Matter appears in the same
Light as I understand his Majesty at first
to have view'd it in. Other Opportunities
will be afforded to me, ~~and as I trust~~
~~His Majesty will graciously receive~~
~~the~~ ~~assurances~~ of shewing the Sentiments I have
felt for my Friend while living, and my
unalterable ^{love} devotion ~~to~~ his Memory after
Death.

I have only to add, my Dear
Lord, that I do not intrude upon you on
the present occasion, any Expressions of
the Sincere Regard, Confidence, and
Friendship I feel for you, ^{is} ~~As~~ this to
be considered more as a Communication
to the Minister, than as a Letter
to Lord Grenville.

The Prince of Wales
to
Lord Grenville

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